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# **Great Lakes Border Health Initiative Food Protection & Defense Subcommittee**

The Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee is the newest addition to GLBHI's committee list. Started in response to an increasing number of foodborne illnesses present in the United States and Canada in 2007, the Subcommittee has recently presented their Terms of Reference to the GLBHI Steering Committee for approval.

Their current focus, as they begin to get the Subcommittee off the ground, is to grow relationships and facilitate communication between the GLBHI member states and Ontario's health and agriculture entities which are critical in the event of a foodborne outbreak. In fact, the Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee is currently compiling contact information for key individuals from the local to the federal level who are involved in ensuring a safe food supply in Canada and the United States.

The Subcommittee met in person officially for the first time this year at the annual GLBHI conference, and they will continue to meet via teleconference monthly as they continue to cement relationships between states and across the border.

The Food Protection and Defense Subcommittee is chaired by Joann Givens of the FDA (Michigan) and Lou D'Onofrio of Ontario.

### **Useful Links:**

[How Much Do You Know About the FDA](#)

[Agency Responsibilities for Food Illness In Michigan](#)

[About Health Canada](#)

[Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\) –  
Emergency Response Program](#)

[Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\) –  
Food Recall & Emergency Response](#)

[Niagara Region Public Health Department \(Ontario\) –  
Food Safety Program](#)

[Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs –  
Food Safety Programming In Ontario](#)

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